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CO-PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS COMMONLY OWNED WITH THE PRESENT APPLICATION

EXAMINER NOTE: Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider whether the claims of any one or more of the following co-pending U.S. patent applications (which are commonly owned with the present application) create any issues of double patenting with respect to any of the claims of the present application; and, where relevant, to consider whether the disclosure of any one or more of the following co-pending applications creates any issues of patentability with respect to any of the claims of the present application. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider whether any listed office actions issued in the following co-pending applications create any issues of patentability with respect to any of the claims of the present application.

SPECIFICATION, DRAWINGS and CLAIMS: Except where indicated, each of the co-pending applications listed below is stored in the USPTO's IFW system. As provided in M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a), copies of the specifications, drawings and claims of these co-pending applications are not enclosed herewith.

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